

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

DENNIS MCDANIEL,

Petitioner,

v.

JASON BENNETT,

Respondent.

CASE NO. 3:22-CV-5753-BHS-DWC

ORDER FOR SERVICE AND  
ANSWER, § 2254 PETITION

This is a federal habeas action filed under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Petitioner is currently incarcerated at the **Stafford Creek Corrections Center** and is subject to the Court's Prisoner E-Filing Initiative pursuant to General Order 06-16. The Court, having reviewed Petitioner's federal habeas petition, hereby finds and **ORDERS** as follows:

(1) The Clerk is directed to issue the Notice of Consent to Magistrate Judge David W. Christel.

(2) The Clerk shall arrange for service, by e-mail upon Respondent and upon the Attorney General of the State of Washington, of copies of: the petition, any other documents filed in support of the petition, the Notice of Consent, and this Order. The Clerk shall also direct

1 a copy of this Order, the Notice of Consent, and of the Court's *pro se* instruction sheet to  
2 Petitioner.

3 (3) Within ***forty-five (45) days*** after such service, Respondent(s) shall file and serve  
4 an answer in accordance with Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in United  
5 States District Courts. As part of such answer, Respondent(s) shall state whether Petitioner has  
6 exhausted available state remedies and whether an evidentiary hearing is necessary.  
7 Respondent(s) shall not file a dispositive motion in place of an answer without first showing  
8 cause as to why an answer is inadequate. Respondent(s) shall file the answer with the Clerk of  
9 the Court and serve a copy of the answer on Petitioner.

10 (4) The answer will be treated in accordance with LCR 7. Accordingly, on the face  
11 of the answer, Respondent(s) shall note it for consideration on the fourth Friday after filing.  
12 Petitioner may file and serve a response not later than the Monday immediately preceding the  
13 Friday designated for consideration of the matter, and Respondent(s) may file and serve a reply  
14 not later than the Friday designated for consideration of the matter.

15 (5) Filing by Parties, Generally

16 All attorneys admitted to practice before this Court are required to file documents  
17 electronically via the Court's CM/ECF system. Petitioner shall file all documents electronically.  
18 All filings must indicate in the upper right hand corner the name of the magistrate judge to whom  
19 the document is directed.

20 Any document filed with the Court must be accompanied by proof that it has been served  
21 upon all parties that have entered a notice of appearance in the underlying matter. Petitioner  
22 shall indicate the date the document is submitted for e-filing as the date of service.  
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1 (6) Motions

2 Any request for court action shall be set forth in a motion, properly filed and served.

3 Pursuant to LCR 7(b), any argument being offered in support of a motion shall be submitted as a  
4 part of the motion itself and not in a separate document. The motion shall include in its caption  
5 (immediately below the title of the motion) a designation of the date the motion is to be noted for  
6 consideration on the Court's motion calendar.

7 (7) Direct Communications with District Judge or Magistrate Judge

8 No direct communication is to take place with the District Judge or Magistrate Judge with  
9 regard to this case. All relevant information and papers are to be directed to the Clerk.

10 Dated this 24th day of October, 2022.

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14 United States Magistrate Judge  
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